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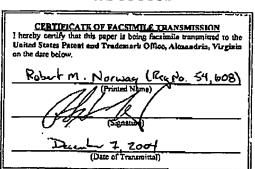
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## <u>REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111</u>

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated September 7, 2004, concerning the above-referenced patent application. As the shortened statutory period for response expires Tuesday, December 7, 2004, this response is timely filed.

## I. **Disposition Of The Claims**

Claims 72-85 are pending. Claims 78-79 and 81-85 were withdrawn from consideration. Claims 72-77 and 80 stand rejected.

## IJ. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 75 and 77 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite for referring to example numbers and letters from the application. See Office action, ¶ 2. Citing